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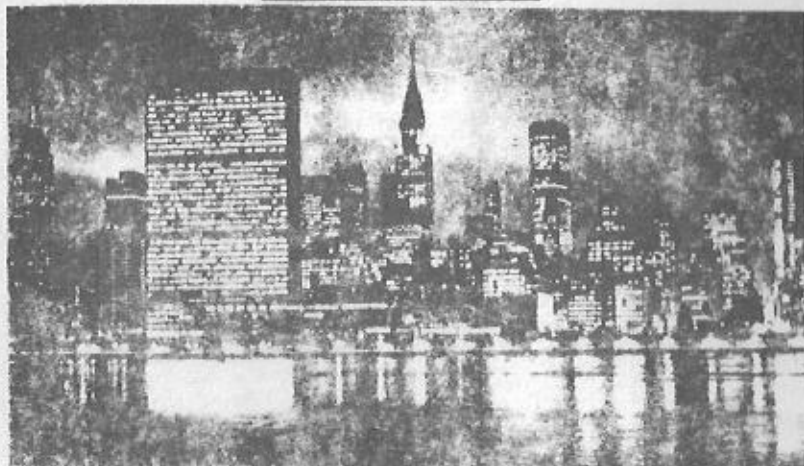


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with his article and to all who appeared in the other photographs.

With every issue I learn more about the handling of second class mailings, little things like the fact that the post office where the Journal is mailed is open 24 hours a day to accept second class mail.

There is a philatelic side to the learning, too. One can't help but learn more from the editing of this Journal than any reader can from "merely" reading it. I read everything once when it comes in. Then I mark it up for keyboarding. I may run for a catalog or book or periodical to fill in a missing catalog number or to verify or correct something the author has written. Sometimes more than a little work is needed on an article. Sometimes I write to the author for clarification of something that he has written that is not clear to me. At present, I am keyboarding every article on our office word processing equipment. I proofread it after it has been printed. I paste it up for the printer, checking the illustrations against the text and captions. With that much exposure to each article, I can't help but learn. I hope that some of what I am learning will result in a better publication as time goes by.

It is almost never noted here in print, but our illustrations often are run at less than full size. Small covers could be run at full size, if we used a whole page and turned them sideways. Large covers just won't fit. Cancellations usually are run at actual size, however.

A glance through the survey returns indicates that those who returned the questionnaire generally read at least one of the weekly general philatelic newspapers, Stamps, Stamp Collector, or Linn's (to put them in reverse alphabetical order). This may justify our conclusion that time lag aside (it usually takes a week to ten days to get the Journal printed and a week or more in the mail before it reaches a majority of its readers) there is little demand from our readers for the publication of the general run of press release material that UNPA and WFUNA put out. The three major general newspapers and Mekeel's run most everything in that class. If you are trying to follow new releases, etc., and you don't get one of the weeklies, we recommend them highly.

Others who have written for this publication seem to think that the pandemonium prevailing at the UN on May 4th was a good thing for UN philately. I have the privilege of inserting a few words of dissent here.

Surely one of the major purposes for the existence of UNPA and United Nations stamps is to raise revenue for the world body. Surely a sellout on the day of issue raises all the revenue that the issue could have raised. Surely the existence of an occasional first day sellout will increase sales of future issues by enticing the greedy to purchase larger numbers of each succeeding issue on the chance that their might be a fast sellout.

The quantity issued was insufficient to prevent a sellout on the first day. That was evident to all seasoned observers of the market well before the day of issue. The predictable result was that UNPA would have to ration sales. So hundreds of people who had never bought

a single UN stamp before placed orders for 1 or 2 or five or more sets of IYC sheetlets -- all at the behest of and for the account of and with the money of their collector -- I should say speculator -- friends. Many of them got their sheets and made their friends a handsome profit. What is the long run effect?

The long run effect is to make the collection of new issues the domain of investors and speculators. The long run effect is to burn the fingers of a large number of people, including perhaps some children, who will be enticed by visions of big profits to purchase stamp issues that will not only not rise rapidly in value, but which may for many years be saleable only for less than face value. The long run effect is that what some of us pursue as "amateurs", as lovers of stamps, becomes the province of "professionals", those whose first interest in stamps is in the money that they hope can be made.

The long run is that what we are teaching children about philately during International Children's Year is that stamp collecting is fun because you can make a fast buck in new issues. That is not what I want to teach children about philately.

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# BOARD ACTIVITY REPORT

A meeting of the board of directors was held on May 25, 1979, in Chicago, in conjunction with COMPEX '79. All officers and Directors were present.

Benjamin H. Cohen was appointed as Editor of the Journal. The Journal will be printed and mailed in Chicago. A schedule of publication to get the publication back on time by October is indicated. Ben will get someone to assist him with the duties of the Secretary's post but will continue in that post.

Greg Galletti and Paul Kravitz reported on the Interpex show and auction. A complete financial report is not available pending the auction results. UNPA's special CDA promotion netted us some 454 names, about 10 from overseas. These subscribers will be sent two issues from Volume 2 (but not the UNOP/UNPI monograph to be published with Volume 2, plus the six issues and monograph from Volume 3. They will be mailed a membership application with the October Journal and if it is completed and approved, they will become members without additional payment and will receive the usual membership card.

Jack Mayer reported that he had been in touch with UNOP and we will be publishing a joint monograph with UNOP for this year. For 1980 a possible joint monograph on meters is contemplated. These plans were approved. For future monographs, it was suggested that it be kept in mind that many collectors are not specialists. Cachets for first day covers was mentioned as a possible topic of broad interest.

MIDAPHIL will be held Friday, September 28 through Sunday September 30. UNPI plans were agreed as follows:

Board Meeting	Saturday 1:00 p.m.
Luncheon	Saturday
Membership Meeting	Sunday, 1:00, jointly with MUNC, includes slide show to be provided by MUNC and impromptu auction

MIDAPHIL arrangements include a reception Friday at 7:30 and a banquet Saturday at 8:30. The show closes at 7:00 Friday and Saturday and 4:00 on Sunday.

A committee of Charlie Smith, as Chairman, and Greg Galletti as member, will work on development of criteria for subgroups.

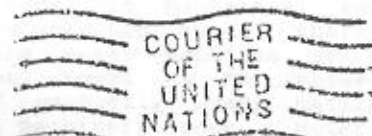
Thoughts on amendments to the by-laws will be compiled by the Secretary. Paul Kravitz suggested that terms of directors be staggered so that there would be some continuity at all times.

Jack Mayer was appointed UNP official representative to the Geneva 10th anniversary.

The Board agreed that UNPI will not jointly sponsor any souvenir materials with any private persons or organizations.

The meetings of the Board of Directors are open to members. An attempt will be made at all times to notify the membership in advance of meetings through the Journal.

FROM SAN FRANCISCO  
TO TURTLE BAY  
By Paul J. Kravitz  
and Arleigh Gaines



(This is the fourth in a series on United Nations forerunners, focusing on the period up to the opening of UN Headquarters in 1951. It is based on co-author Paul Kravitz's exhibit of the same title.)

Following its stay at Hunter College, most of the United Nations Secretariat moved to the Sperry Gyroscope plant in Lake Success, New York, in suburban Nassau County, about 20 miles from Manhattan.

Lake Success did not then have its own post office, so mail was processed by the Great Neck post office, which served the plant site. A Lake Success substation was established at the United Nations site by September 23, 1946. Mail from Lake Success continued to pass through the Great Neck facility until at least May 18, 1951.

The UN's mailing address at Box 1000, New York 1, New York, was discontinued on September 30, 1946. On October 1, the UN started using Box 686, Great Neck, New York.

Metered mail began coming from Lake Success before the establishment of the Lake Success substation. Meter machine PB 113436 was used as early as August 20, 1946. About 350 philatelic souvenir covers (Figure 22) were reported made on the first day. The Die I emblem and a "Great Neck, N.Y." town mark were in place. This configuration continued until September 20. Covers from dates other than the first day (see Figure 23) are extremely rare.

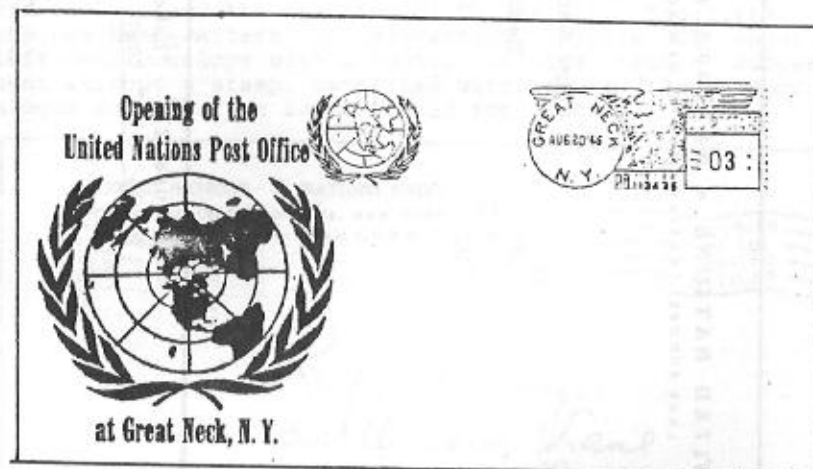


Figure 22. First day of use philatelic souvenir cover of "Lake Success" meter with "Great Neck, N.Y." town mark.

When the Lake Success substation was opened, the town mark was changed to one reading "Lake Success, N.Y." The "Great Neck, N.Y." town mark was seen again in 1951. By that time, most of the Secretariat had begun to move to

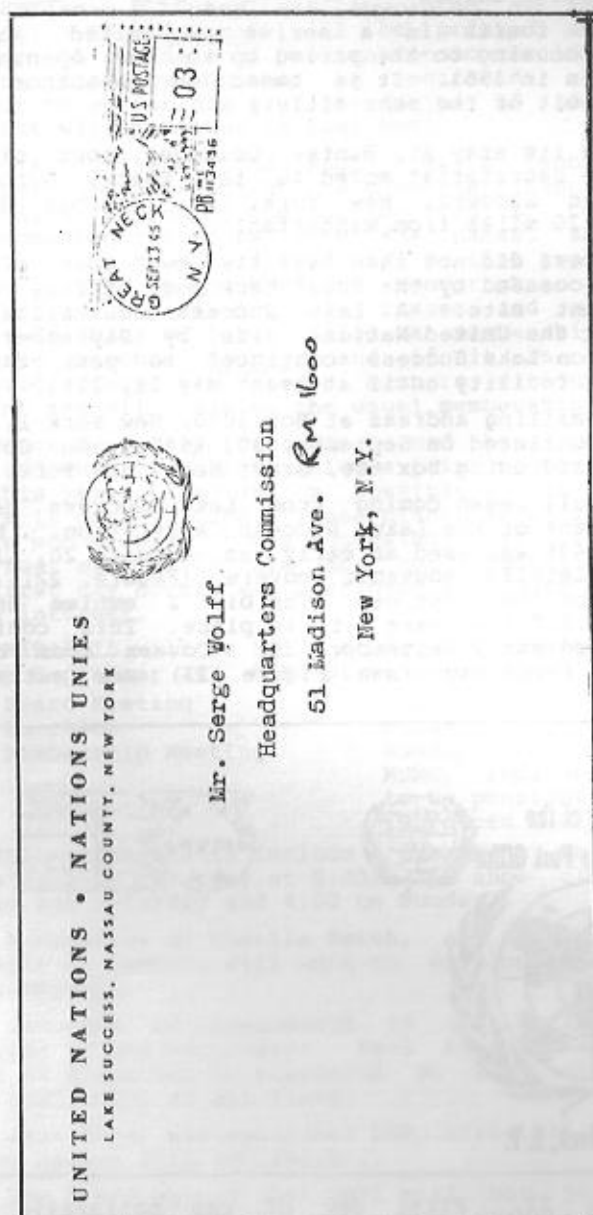


Figure 23. "Lake Success" meter with "Great Neck, N.Y." town mark, dated Sep 13 '46

the almost completed Headquarters, in Manhattan, and a United Nations, N.Y., substation had opened there on January 3, 1951. Most of the meter machines at Lake Success were returned to Pitney Bowes as the phase-out continued. During a period of unusually heavy mailings, however, a need for additional machinery arose. Meter PB 180705 was brought in to help. The Lake Success substation had officially closed, so the town mark supplied with the machine was "Great Neck, N.Y." This machine was in use from approximately January 2, 1951 through April 14, 1951, but few covers survive. (Figure 24)



Figure 24. "Lake Success" meter tape with "Great Neck, N.Y." town mark used in 1951

The opening of the Lake Success substation was marked by philatelic souvenirs including cacheted covers prepared by New York City Postmaster Albert Goldman. These are found both metered and with the new machine cancellation. They are shown in the Lindner catalog.

The new machine cancellation marked the introduction of a slogan for mail from the UN. The "COURIER OF THE UNITED NATIONS" slogan with wavy lines continued in use until the closing of the Lake Success substation at the end of 1950 and the transfer of UN mailing facilities to the new Headquarters in Manhattan. Figure 25 shows a left-over envelope with a Hunter College return address, sent without a stamp, cancelled with the new Lake Success slogan cancellation and returned for postage.

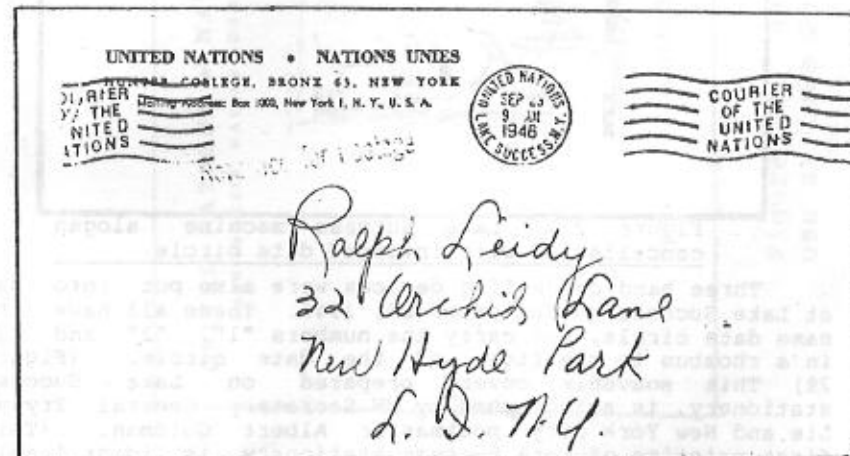


Figure 25. First day of use of Lake Success slogan



An essay of the "Courier of the United Nations" and wavy lines slogan cancellation exists. The essay has smaller type, more closed up than the slogan as put into use. (Figure 26) It is believed that the larger typeface was adopted because the smaller type was harder to keep clean in the machines.

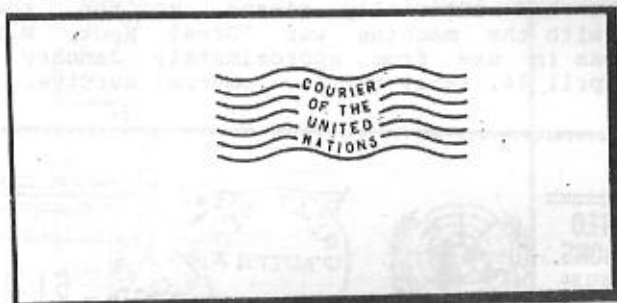


Figure 26. Essay for Lake Success 'COURIER OF THE UNITED NATIONS' machine slogan cancellation.

The Lake Success slogan cancellation is known to have been used with an inverted date circle on December 19, 1948. (Figure 27) This mistake probably occurred when a postal clerk was changing the time in the date circle, as was done hourly then. It was easy enough to reinsert the date circle upside-down while completing the hourly repeated task.



Figure 27. Lake Success machine slogan cancellation with inverted date circle.

Three hand cancelling devices were also put into use at Lake Success on September 23, 1946. These all have the same date circle, but carry the numbers "1", "2" and "3" in a rhombus to the right of the date circle. (Figure 28) This souvenir cover, prepared on Lake Success stationery, is autographed by UN Secretary General Trygve Lie and New York City postmaster Albert Goldman. (This first printing of Lake Success stationery is identifiable by two characteristics: it has no UN emblem between the



Figure 28. Hand cancellation device number 1, put into use at Lake Success on September 23, 1946.

French and English text on the top line and it carries the "Nassau County" location note in the bottom line of the corner card.)

To round out the cancelling devices used at Lake Success, we must note the circular plug for registered mail and international reply coupons. This device read "GREAT NECK, N.Y./UNITED NATIONS LAKE SUCCESS BR.". Figure 29 shows the plug cancellation on the reverse of a registered letter and on a receipt for a registered letter.

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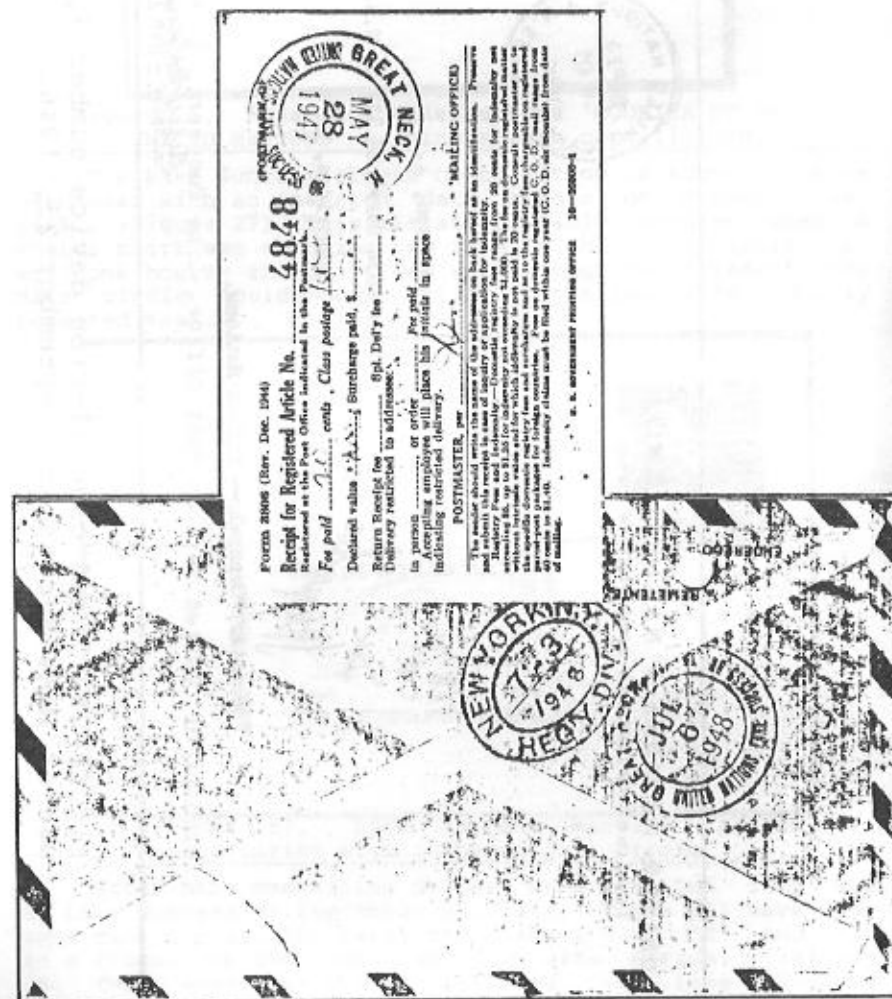


Figure 29. Plug cancellation for registered mail and international reply coupons, shown on the reverse of a registered letter and on a registry receipt.

## UN EUROPEAN EXHIBITION IMPRINTS

By Charles C. Smith

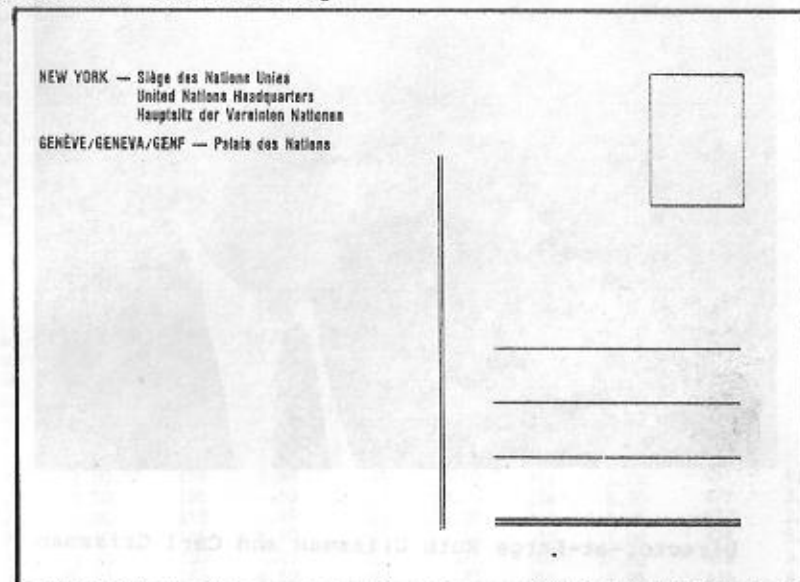
Many of you who read Herb Conway's "United Nations Commentary" in Linn's Stamp News are aware that a major variety in Geneva blue cards was recently found. This new variety surfaced at the MALMEX exhibition held March 24-25 in Malmo, Sweden and again at the JAVAPHIL show held April 24-26 in Courbevoie, France. Blue cards from both shows have been found with an unprinted reverse! Blue cards normally have a printed message in the upper left corner of the reverse, as well as marked spaces for application of a stamp and the address on the right side, with a line dividing the message area from the address area. The front or blue sides of the cards are normal in every respect. Obviously a major variety for collectors of blue cards, present information indicates about 6 or 7 cards with unprinted reverse exist from each show.

The occurrence of these errors is especially noteworthy because there have been few errors in the 5 years since the program was started, with 303,886 cards sold through JAVAPHIL.

There was a single card at Nancy (March 13-14, 1976) with the message text printed upside-down in the address area of the card.

Better known are the "Broken A" variety from ARPHILA, held in Paris June 6-16, 1975. Either unexpected wear or damage resulted in a broken "A" in "PARIS". Of the 1,812 cards sold at ARPHILA, the "Broken A" appears to be found on about half.

In the light of this history, the MAPMEX and JAVAPHIL errors are extraordinary.



Reverse of a typical normal blue card showing "message" in the upper left corner, stamp location imprint, address lines, and dividing line in center.

# COMPLEX REPORT

COMPLEX '79 was held in the new Expocenter at the Fashion Trade Center just on the edge of Chicago's Loop. Bigger than ever before, COMPLEX also benefitted from a location with fine lighting. Tables were available for clubs, and UNPI shared a table with UNCC right next to the UNPA wicket.

A luncheon was held at the nearby Gene and Georgetti's restaurant on Saturday, with remarks from Ole Hamann. Mr. Hamann showed designs of the new Austrian issues and talked about his contract which was about to expire on June 30th. As had happened in the past, he did not know whether it would be renewed because of his age, but he thought it might be. He was sure of one thing--he would not know until at least the end of June!

The Board met all Saturday morning and resumed after the luncheon continuing through the day until almost dinnertime.

On Saturday evening many members attended the awards banquet where UNPI's own Greg Galletti received the award for the best exhibit by a junior at COMPLEX. Host chapter United Nations Collectors of Chicagoland had its usual 40 frame exhibit, not for competition this year.

On Sunday UNCC held a meeting at which the new UNPA film was shown. A mini-auction was also held with brisk bidding on some literature lots being featured.



Director-at-Large Ruth Grissman and Carl Grissman

## UNFI's "INTERPEX '79" MAIL AUCTION #1 PRICES REALIZED

01	75.00	80	3.00	165	60.00	253	2.25	356	1.00
02	10.00	81	1.25	166	.50	254	4.00	357	.25
03	18.00	82	7.00	167	2.25	255	4.00	358	4.00
04	1.00	83	1.50	168	.25	256	4.00	359	2.50
05	32.00	85	3.50	170	.25	257	50.00	363	.75
06	1.50	86	1.00	171	.75	259	13.00	364	16.00
09	1.00	87	32.00	172	.75	261	2.00	366	4.00
10	1.00	88	8.50	173	6.50	262	1.75	367	55.00
11	1.25	89	1.75	174	3.00	263	.25	368	22.00
12	1.25	90	7.50	177	.25	264	1.25	369	12.00
13	3.00	91	2.00	179	4.00	271	26.00	370	4.00
14	7.50	95	16.00	180	.50	272	10.00	371	4.00
15	3.00	96	4.50	184	11.00	273	20.00	372	4.00
16	3.00	97	11.00	185	.25	274	260.00	373	6.50
17	4.00	98	1.25	186	.25	275	2.00	374	5.00
18	4.50	99	55.00	187	1.00	276	1.50	375	210.00
19	80.00	100	4.50	189	.25	277	2.00	376	140.00
20	4.50	102	44.00	190	.25	278	2.25	377	2.00
22	75.00	104	5.50	192	2.50	279	1.50	382	.75
23	1.25	105	1.50	193	15.00	281	1.25	383	.75
24	6.00	106	220.00	195	.50	286	1.50	384	.50
25	12.00	107	2.00	196	22.00	287	450.00	385	.50
26	7.50	108	1.00	197	11.00	288	.25	389	.75
27	8.50	110	2.50	198	2.00	289	.25	390	.50
28	3.50	111	.75	202	.75	292	4.50	391	.50
29	1.00	112	28.00	203	6.00	293	1.25	400	.50
30	1.50	113	2.50	204	19.00	295	5.00	401	.25
31	3.00	114	.75	206	4.00	296	.50	406	.50
32	13.00	115	18.00	207	2.50	297	.50	410	.25
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35	2.25	118	.25	210	3.00	303	5.00	422	75.00
36	17.00	119	1.75	211	2.00	304	2.00	427	2.50
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49	6.50	131	.75	223	.25	326	110.00	443	26.00
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55	24.00	137	.75	229	.75	331	9.00	457	.50
56	11.00	139	1.25	230	1.00	332	32.00	458	6.00
57	28.00	140	3.00	232	1.00	333	70.00	459	24.00
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65	15.00	147	13.00	240	.75	339	1.25	465	3.50
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67	3.50	150	.50	242	2.25	341	.75	467	2.50
68	3.50	151	1.00	243	4.00	342	.75	468	3.00
71	510.00	152	1.00	244	10.00	343	1.25	469	1.50
72	3.50	153	2.50	245	.75	344	1.25	470	6.50
73	1.00	154	5.50	246	.50	345	1.25	471	4.00
74	4.50	156	.50	247	20.00	346	5.50	472	3.00
75	1.00	158	.50	248	125.00	347	1.25	473	3.50
76	4.50	159	6.50	249	.25	348	1.00	474	5.00
77	1.50	160	1.25	250	.75	349	17.00	475	3.00
78	26.00	163	6.50	251	.75	351	1.25	476	4.00
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487	17.00	600	3.00	812	1.50	1002	.25	1132	3.00	1348	2.50	1489	1.00	1698	4.50	1806	1.50	1950	4.00
490	6.50	601	40.00	814	2.25	1003	.25	1135	1.00	1349	3.00	1493	1.00	1699	5.00	1807	1.50	1951	4.00
491	5.00	602	.50	820	1.50	1006	1.25	1136	1.00	1350	2.25	1496	1.00	1700	16.00	1808	1.00	1952	4.00
492	14.00	603	.25	821	.75	1007	1.00	1138	.75	1352	1.00	1521	2.25	1701	4.00	1809	1.00	1953	4.00
493	2.00	604	.25	829	.50	1008	1.50	1140	1.00	1355	.75	1542	16.00	1702	2.50	1810	.75	1954	4.00
495	17.00	608	.25	836	1.75	1010	1.25	1144	3.50	1356	1.25	1543	7.00	1713	.25	1811	1.00	1955	5.00
496	2.25	611	.75	840	1.75	1011	3.00	1145	3.00	1363	2.25	1544	11.00	1714	.25	1812	1.00	1956	12.00
497	2.50	618	.25	844	1.00	1012	6.50	1147	.25	1367	26.00	1545	9.50	1715	.25	1813	1.00	1957	5.00
498	18.00	620	.25	861	1.50	1015	1.00	1156	3.00	1368	18.00	1546	5.00	1716	.25	1814	1.00	1958	2.00
499	17.00	626	.75	865	1.50	1116	1.75	1158	.75	1371	18.00	1547	4.50	1717	.50	1815	1.50	1959	2.00
500	3.00	627	.50	870	.50	1018	3.50	1159	.75	1375	18.00	1548	3.00	1720	.50	1816	1.50	1960	2.00
505	5.50	629	.75	880	.75	1019	1.50	1172	3.50	1376	12.00	1549	4.00	1729	75.00	1817	1.75	1961	2.00
509	4.00	633	.50	883	2.00	1020	1.75	1179	.75	1377	3.50	1550	3.00	1730	50.00	1818	1.50	1962	2.00
511	3.50	635	.50	886	1.25	1021	2.50	1183	1.00	1378	2.00	1551	3.50	1731	40.00	1819	1.00	1963	2.50
513	10.00	638	.25	931	30.00	1022	2.75	1184	.75	1379	1.50	1553	17.00	1732	44.00	1820	1.00	1964	2.00
515	4.50	644	.50	933	55.00	1023	2.75	1187	3.00	1380	1.75	1555	8.00	1733	1.75	1821	1.00	1965	1.25
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523	3.50	664	.50	942	14.00	1037	.50	1204	.75	1386	1.50	1574	8.00	1739	1.50	1835	2.00	1975	4.50
524	4.00	667	.25	943	27.00	1041	.75	1208	1.00	1387	1.50	1600	18.00	1740	2.00	1836	1.50	1976	13.00
526	5.50	668	.25	947	4.00	1044	.75	1212	.75	1388	1.00	1613	18.00	1741	2.50	1837	1.50	1977	4.00
528	4.00	670	.50	948	4.25	1046	.75	1217	1.00	1389	1.50	1615	85.00	1742	1.25	1838	1.50	1978	12.00
530	4.00	671	.50	949	4.00	1047	1.00	1220	1.75	1390	1.00	1616	80.00	1743	1.75	1839	1.50	1979	2.25
533	7.50	676	.50	950	4.50	1049	.75	1223	1.00	1391	1.25	1617	60.00	1744	1.50	1840	1.00	1980	8.50
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538	2.25	689	.50	954	1.50	1058	2.25	1231	.50	1395	1.75	1625	5.50	1748	1.00	1849	2.00	1984	2.25
539	6.50	691	.50	955	1.50	1059	1.50	1234	.75	1396	1.50	1627	3.00	1749	1.00	1855	6.00	1985	4.00
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542	1.75	693	.50	957	1.25	1064	2.25	1245	1.50	1401	2.50	1629	3.00	1751	1.25	1867	1.00	1987	2.00
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545	35.00	695	.50	959	.75	1066	1.00	1256	1.00	1406	2.25	1635	2.50	1753	1.00	1878	1.00	1989	4.00
548	1.50	696	.25	960	1.00	1069	2.00	1259	.75	1433	3.00	1636	2.50	1754	2.25	1883	.75	1990	1.00
549	1.25	697	.50	961	1.25	1070	3.50	1261	1.50	1438	1.25	1637	1.50	1755	1.75	1899	1.00	1991	1.75
551	1.00	698	.25	962	1.25	1071	2.00	1262	1.00	1440	.50	1638	1.50	1756	1.50	1901	1.50	1992	1.75
552	1.50	699	.50	963	1.75	1073	2.00	1263	.75	1441	.75	1640	1.75	1757	1.00	1914	1.00	2002	1.50
553	1.25	700	.50	964	1.25	1074	2.00	1266	1.00	1442	.50	1641	3.00	1758	1.00	1919	1.00	2003	1.50
554	1.00	701	.25	965	1.25	1075	3.50	1268	2.00	1443	.50	1645	1.50	1759	2.00	1920	17.00	2012	12.00
555	1.00	702	1.75	966	1.00	1077	2.25	1270	1.00	1445	15.00	1647	3.00	1760	1.00	1921	11.00	2013	12.00
557	1.50	703	1.00	967	1.75	1078	2.50	1272	1.25	1446	10.00	1648	1.25	1761	1.00	1922	3.00	2015	2.50
558	2.00	704	.75	968	1.50	1080	3.50	1273	2.00	1447	3.00	1649	2.25	1762	2.00	1923	3.00	2026	7.00
559	4.50	705	1.25	969	1.75	1082	2.25	1279	.75	1452	1.00	1650	2.00	1763	1.00	1924	4.50	2027	9.00
560	2.00	706	1.50	970	2.50	1084	3.00	1285	2.00	1456	1.75	1651	1.50	1764	1.00	1925	3.00	2028	5.50
561	1.25	707	.25	971	2.00	1085	2.00	1289	2.00	1458	.25	1652	2.50	1765	1.00	1926	4.50	2029	7.00
562	1.25	708	.75	972	1.25	1087	2.00	1305	2.25	1459	.75	1654	5.00	1766	1.00	1927	3.00	2034	30.00
563	1.50	709	.50	973	1.50	1088	1.25	1307	.75	1462	.50	1659	2.75	1767	1.00	1928	3.00	2035	31.00
564	55.00	710	1.00	974	1.50	1090	2.00	1308	2.25	1463	.50	1661	1.50	1768	1.00	1929	7.50	2036	.50
565	1.00	711	.50	975	1.25	1094	1.50	1310	.75	1464	.75	1662	2.50	1769	1.75	1930	5.00	2037	.50
567	1.50	713	.50	976	2.00	1099	1.25	1311	2.25	1465	.75	1663	1.25	1770	1.00	1931	4.50	2038	1.50
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576	.25	715	.75	978	1.75	1105	1.75	1316	1.75	1467	.75	1665	3.50	1772	2.00	1933	4.50	2040	2.00
577	.25	717	2.00	979	1.25	1106	1.25	1317	3.00	1468	1.50	1666	1.25	1773	2.00	1934	6.50	2041	33.00
578	.50	718	.75	980	1.00	1110	1.75	1318	1.75	1470	1.50	1667	1.50	1774	2.00	1935	30.00	2043	1.50
579	.25	720	3.00	981	1.00	1112	1.50	1319	2.00	1471	.75	1671	1.00	1775	1.25	1936	3.50	2044	1.00
580	.25	721	.75	982	2.25	1113	1.00	1323	3.00	1472	.75	1677	2.50	1776	1.00	1937	3.50	2045	2.00
581	.25	722	.50	984	1.00	1114	1.00	1324	2.00	1473	.75	1682	.75	1777	1.00	1938	3.50	2046	2.00
582	.25	723	1.00	985	1.50	1115	1.50	1325	6.00	1474	.75	1683	4.00	1778	1.75	1939	6.00	2047	1.25
583	.25	725	.75	986	1.50	1116	3.00	1327	.50	1475	22.00	1687	4.00	1783	.75	1940	5.00	2048	2.50
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2143	3.50	2214	3.00	2294	3.00	2402	.50	2478	1.50
2144	3.00	2215	3.00	2295	1.75	2403	.75	2479	3.50
2145	3.00	2216	3.00	2296	2.00	2404	.50	2480	3.50
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2147	5.50	2218	7.50	2298	75.00	2406	1.25	2482	1.25
2148	5.00	2225	5.00	2299	6.00	2407	.50	2483	1.25
2149	5.00	2226	5.00	2300	25.00	2408	4.00	2484	1.25
2151	4.50	2234	5.00	2301	1.00	2409	1.25	2487	2.25
2156	2.50	2236	4.00	2302	1.25	2411	1.25		
2157	2.50	2237	4.50	2304	1.50	2412	1.50		
2159	2.50	2238	4.50	2305	9.50	2413	.75		
2160	3.00	2239	3.50	2306	8.00	2414	.75		
2161	1.00	2241	3.50	2307	1.00	2415	2.00		

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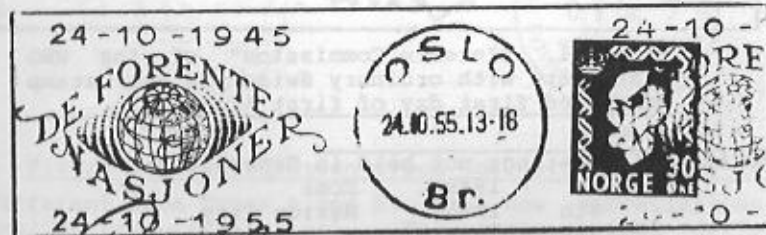
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# WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLIES AT GENEVA

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The World Health Organization (WHO) came into existence as a specialized agency of the UN on April 7, 1948. WHO is governed by the World Health Assembly, which meets annually. The first Assembly meeting was at Geneva from June 24 to July 24, 1948. Most\* Assembly meetings since then have been held in Geneva. A special post office is set up at each Assembly in Geneva for use by participants at the Assembly. This article deals with the postal history of the Assembly meetings held in Geneva.

## STAMPS:

A series of Swiss stamps were overprinted with the WHO's French name "ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA SANTE" and issued on June 24, 1948. (##501-505, 5017, 5019, 5022, and 5024) These stamps were issued for use at the WHO headquarters at Geneva and were valid for postage at the Assembly post office. Swiss service stamps for use at WHO have been in continuous existence since that time, with additional issues having been released in 1950, 1957, 1960, 1962, and 1975.

Regular Swiss stamps could also be used at the Assembly post office. (Figure 1) An example of the Swiss service stamps in use at the UN European offices in Geneva was observed in 1965, but none of the other Swiss service



Figure 1. "Interim Commission" of the WHO stationery with ordinary Swiss postage stamp cancelled first day of first Assembly.

\*The Assembly meetings not held in Geneva are:

2d	1949	Rome
8th	1955	Mexico City
11th	1958	Minneapolis, MN
14th	1961	New Delhi
22d	1969	Boston, MA

stamps for international organizations have been seen with an Assembly postmark, nor would such (or the UN-Geneva stamps issued since 1969) normally be valid for postage at the Assembly post office.

## CANCELLATIONS:

Special cancellations have been used at the Assembly post office since the first Assembly. Two different types of the device were introduced at the first Assembly, both reading "GENEVE 1ere Assemblée mondiale de la santé". (Figure 2) Type A has a narrow "N" in GENEVA. Type B has a wider "N" in Geneva. There are other differences. The lettering in the text is generally more compact in type B than in Type A.



Type A



Type B

Figure 2: Cancellation types for 1st Assembly, 1948.

Through 1966, similar cancellations were used at each Assembly, with only the number of the assembly changing. Figure 3 illustrates the 1959 cancellations. Types A and B appeared through 1960.



Type A



Type B

Figure 3: Cancellation types for 12th Assembly, 1959.

When the Assembly returned to Geneva in 1962, two new cancellations were placed in use. (Figure 4) These were



Type C



Type D

Figure 4: Cancellation types for 15th Assembly, 1962.

different from Types A and B. The new cancellations use smaller type for the text. The most obvious difference between the two types is that Type C has a smaller cross.



The text lettering is also smaller in Type C. Types C and D remained in use through 1966. (Figure 5)



Type C

Type D

Figure 5: Cancellation types for 19th Assembly, 1966.

In 1967 a new pictorial cancellation was placed in use. (Figure 6) This cancellation does not indicate the number of the Assembly. It has been used for all the Geneva Assemblies since.



Figure 6: Cancellation types for Geneva Assemblies since 1967.

Table 1 summarizes the data on the use of these cancellations. Note that the dates of the use of the cancellation do not always coincide with the dates of use of the Assembly. In a number of years the cancellation was used for one to four days after the Assembly and in 1971 it was in use the day before the Assembly opened. The reason for this discrepancy is not known. (Editor's Note: It is possible that official mail from the Assembly continued after its close and the post office continued in operation to handle the final stream of mail.)

Table 1

Number	Year	Assembly Dates	Cancellation Dates	Types
1st	1948	Jun 24-Jul 24	Jun 24-Jul 28	A, B
3rd	1950	May 08-27	May 08-27	A, B
4th	1951	May 07-25	May 07-26	A, B
5th	1952	May 05-22	May 05-24	A, B
6th	1953	May 05-22	May 05-23	A, B
7th	1954	May 04-21	May 04-22	A, B
9th	1956	May 08-25	May 08-26	A, B
10th	1957	May 07-24	May 07-25	A, B
12th	1959	May 12-29	May 12-30	A, B
13th	1960	May 03-20	May 03-21	A, B
15th	1962	May 08-25	May 08-25	C, D
16th	1963	May 07-23	May 07-24	C, D
17th	1964	May 03-20	May 03-21	C, D
18th	1965	May 04-21	May 04-22	C, D
19th	1966	May 03-20	May 03-25	C, D
20th	1967	May 08-26	May 08-26	E
21st	1968	May 06-24	May 06-25	E

(continued)

Number	Year	Assembly Dates	Cancellation Dates	Types
23rd	1970	May 05-22	May 05-23	E
24th	1971	May 04-20	May 03-22	E
25th	1972	May 09-26	May 09-26	E
26th	1973	May 07-23	May 07-25	E
27th	1974	May 07-25	May 07-23	E
28th	1975	May 13-23	May 13-30	E
29th	1976	May 03-30	May 03-21	E
30th	1977	May 02-21	May 02-20	E
31st	1978	May 08-24	May 08-24	E

#### REGISTRY LABELS

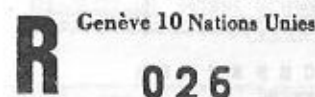
At least four different registry labels have been used at Geneva Assemblies. (Figure 7) Observed usage is:

Type 1 1951

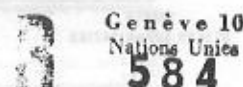
Type 2 1966

Type 3 1960, 1966

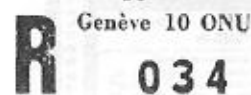
Type 4 1975, 1977



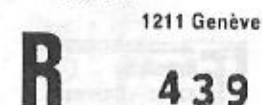
Type 1



Type 2



Type 3



Type 4

Figure 7: Registry label types used at Geneva Assemblies

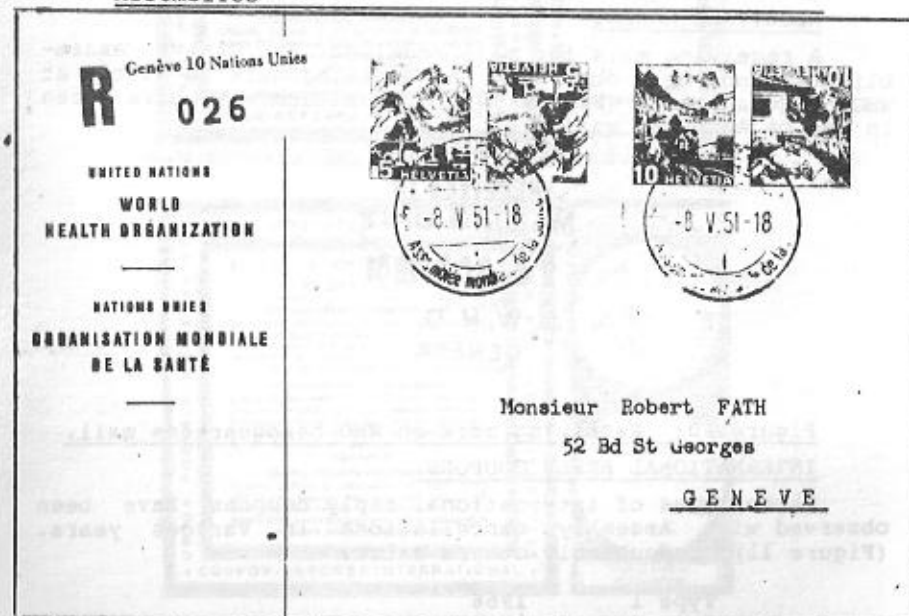


Figure 8: Registry label Type 1 on WHO corner card.

## OTHER SERVICES:

In addition to registration the Swiss post office offers other services, Expres (special delivery), Nachnahme (cash on delivery), and Valeur (insured, declared value). The only one of these observed on Assembly mail is an Expres label seen on the cover shown in Figure 9.

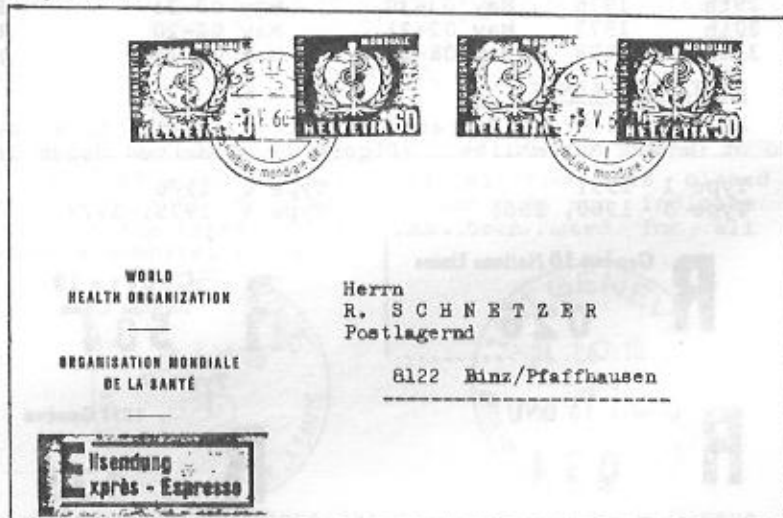


Figure 9: Expres label on Assembly cover.

## RECEIVING MARKS:

A receiving mark for mail received at Geneva Assemblies has not been observed. A receiving mark is used at WHO headquarters. (Figure 10) Such a mark may have been in use on Assembly mail.

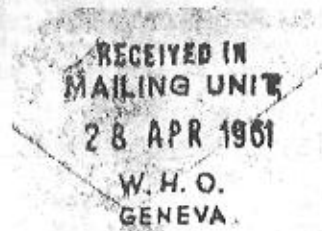


Figure 10: Receiving mark on WHO headquarters mail.

## INTERNATIONAL REPLY COUPONS:

Three types of international reply coupons have been observed with Assembly cancellations in various years. (Figure 11) Undoubtedly others exist.

Type 1	1966
Type 2	1970
Type 3	1973, 1974



Type 1



Type 2



Type 3

Figure 11. Three types of international reply coupons found with Assembly issuing cancellations.

#### METERS:

Special meters are used on WHO headquarters mail. The author has not seen any on Assembly mail.

#### CACHETS OR IMPRINTS:

The only official cachet or imprint known to have been used for any of the Geneva Assemblies was in 1959. (Figure 12)

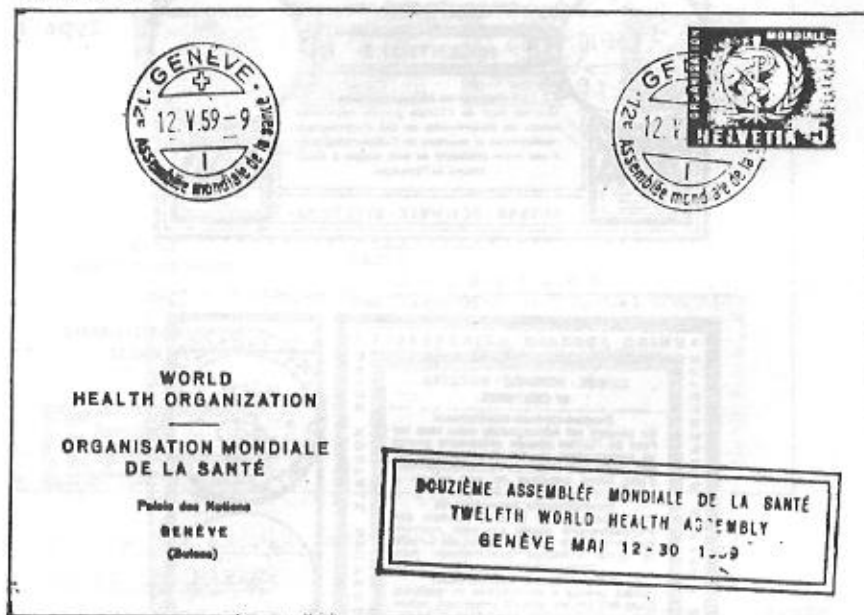


Figure 12. Cover from 12th Assembly showing use of special cachet stamp.

#### STATIONERY:

The only stationery known to have been printed specifically for a Geneva Assembly was for the 1950 Assembly. (Figure 13) This particular cover has many other interesting aspects. While it is on official stationery for the Assembly, it bears a Swiss WHO service stamp with a GENEVE 10 NATIONS UNIES cancellation. Note also the boxed O.M.S. imprint. (O.M.S. is the abbreviation for WHO's name in French.)

Figure 14 shows one of the several other types of official corner cards used on Assembly mail. See also Figure 8 and Figure 9. Figure 15 is a WHO post card. From the notations on the face of the card it appears to have been printed in January, 1958 in an edition of 5,000.

#### OFFICIAL INVITATIONS:

An official invitation to the opening of the 1964 Assembly exists, and it is assumed that such invitations for other Assemblies exist also. Figure 16 shows the 1964 version franked with a Swiss WHO service stamp cancelled on the first day of the Assembly.

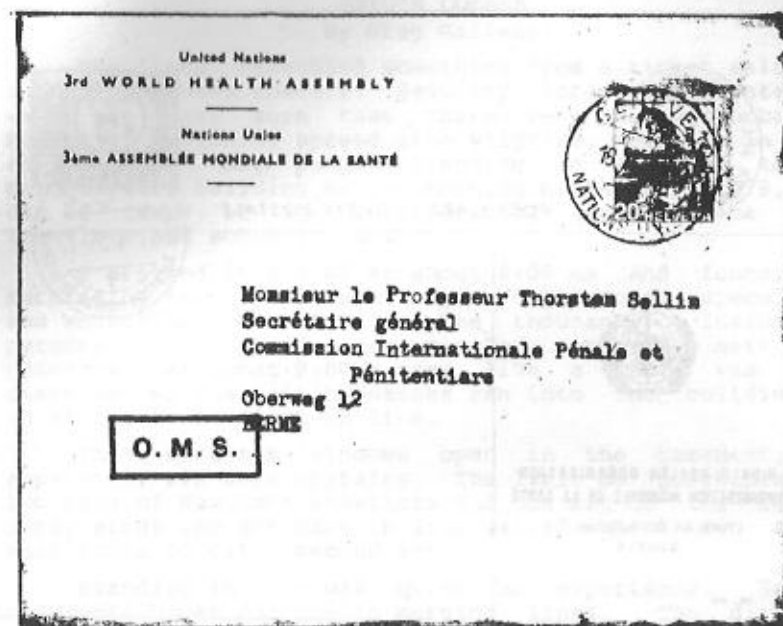


Figure 13. WHO special stationery for the 3rd Assembly with Swiss service stamps cancelled with Assembly cancellation.



Figure 14: WHO stationery with Assembly cancel.





Figure 15. WHO post card with Assembly cancel.



Figure 16. Invitation to opening of 1964 Assembly, with Swiss WHO service stamp affixed and cancelled on the opening day of the Assembly.

The author invites correspondence (in care of the Editor) from readers interested in the postal history of WHO and who are able to add to the author's small and incomplete knowledge of this area.

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# GREG'S CORNER By Greg Galletti

The lines resembled something from a ticket sale for a Rolling Stones concert. Security forces were standing watch to make sure that there were no disturbances. Rumors of rationing spread like wildfire. People in cars to buy gas? No, people standing in line at the UN Headquarters building on the morning of May 4, 1979, the day of issue of the International Year of the Child sheetlets and souvenir card.

I arrived at the UN at about 8:00 am and found, not surprising to me, a line of eager collectors, speculators and enthusiasts numbering in the thousands. Inside, UN personalities and dealers mingled patiently near the counters. At about 9:00 a roar like a train was heard overhead, as the waiting masses ran into the building in an effort to be first in line.

There were six windows open in the basement, and apparently six more upstairs. The limit on purchases was two sets of New York sheetlets and one set of the Geneva. Early birds who got back in line waited about two and a half hours to get a second set.

Standing in line was quite an experience. Several arguments broke out due to merging lines. The diversity of characters was fascinating. The heat and congestion was too much for some and I saw at least two people being carried off suffering from exhaustion.

I heard that one dealer brought in a busload of kids to make purchases for him. One person was walking around upstairs offering \$100 for a set of 4 sheets and probably accumulated about 50 sets by the end of the day. High buy of the day appeared to be \$150 at the gate outside the building.

There was another line in the Secretariat Building. It took a little luck and ingenuity to get in there, but it was worthwhile: the wait there turned out to be only half an hour.

Some people went to great lengths to be sure to get a set of sheetlets. I heard security officers talking about one guy was almost arrested at 1 am as he camped out to be first in line. It was a fun and profitable day for those who were able to withstand the rigors of standing in line for hours on the first (and last) day of the IYC.

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## NOTES FROM ALL OVER

Jane Beville Elected to First day Cover Hall of Fame: UNP member Jane Beville of Waco, Texas has been elected to the First Day Cover Hall of Fame for her knowledge of cachets, skill at collecting, and help to writers, researchers and collectors. Congratulations!

CIAPEX Awards for UN: UN exhibitors and awards were:  
Greg Galletti Grand and First, UNPA medal,  
UNPI Gold, and APS Certificate  
for Les Timbres SDN et BIT

Dorothy Green Second, UNP Silver, Popularity  
Award for United Nations in  
Action  
Earl S. Merriman Third and UNP Bronze for The  
1945 UN London Slogan  
Cancellation  
Charles Smith Honorable Mention for Text  
Types of UN European Imprint  
Blue Cards  
Carl Grissman Honorable Mention for Mail  
Flights from UN Geneva

Our hearty congratulations to all of you!

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UNP BOOKSHELF  
By Philip Okney

**WANTED:** Your experiences in acquiring the recent International Year of the Child issue. As librarian and historian of UNPI, I believe that the recent issue honoring IYC is loaded with dramatic episodes of historical interest. Never before in the experience of UNPA has collectors' demand for a UN stamp caused so much publicity, enthusiasm, and interest. Please write to me at A-1700, Government Center, Minneapolis, MN 55487, with your interesting stories about this event. A review of the material will be published.

The first day of issue produced sales of the stamp in Boston, Washington (DC), Des Moines (IA), New York and Geneva. Lines of people at all these outlets bought enough stamps (along with mail orders) to cause a first day sell-out. This was written up in the New York Times on the first page, to the advantage of UNPA, International Year of the Child, and all stamp collectors.

While crowds were seeking the issue in New York, collectors in Des Moines, IA, waited patiently for the stamps to arrive at the UNPA wicket at CIAPEX. Was it just coincidence that the show was held at the Adventureland Inn?

The line at the UNPA wicket formed at the show's opening hour, 11 a.m. But the stamps they wanted were not there. By 6 p.m. many in the line were ready to give up their attempt to purchase the new issue. In an effort to provide an opportunity for first day arrivals to keep their places in line should the stamps arrive on the show's second day, numbers were passed out just before the show's 9 p.m. closing hour. As if by magic, with the passing out of the last number, the UNPA trunk arrived. In thirty minutes all of the sheets of 20, both New York and Geneva values, had been sold to the waiting customers. Some singles in packets and on souvenir cards and first day covers remained to be sold on the second day.

But the most avid of the collectors at CIAPEX rested peacefully that evening knowing that their collections contained the beautiful International Year of the Child stamp sheetlets. Let me hear about your International Year of the Child stamp story!

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Sunday	1:00 p.m.	Joint membership meeting with Midwest United Nations Collectors Instant Auction Slide Show

These activities are in addition to the regular MIDAPHIL activities. For additional information including information about hotel reservations, write to Earl Merriman, 9415 Goddard, Overland Park, KS 66214